

May 14, 2021

Dear YES Prep Families,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. **Happy Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month!** Tomorrow, Saturday, May 15 we will be hosting the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Student Summit (our final student affinity summit for the year) where our students will have a chance to connect with each other and their teachers to celebrate their identities, learn about effective advocacy strategies, and continue to address the damaging racism of the “Model Minority.” Thank you to all our staff who have worked so hard to put together this summit, which we believe is a powerful opportunity to celebrate all the contributions of our AAPI students and staff!

Thank you for reading this Family Update in its entirety for information, updates, and reminders about Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT), Senior Signing Day, next Facebook Live session for 12<sup>th</sup>-grade families, Summer Meal Delivery Service and more.

### Important Dates Reminder

- **May 15** – Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Summit
- **May 23** – Senior Signing Day
- **May 31** – Memorial Day (Student/staff holiday)

### Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)

Three governmental agencies are working together to implement the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program. P-EBT provides supplemental food assistance benefits to students who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals this school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. YES Prep students are eligible! Families who qualify for SNAP do not need to take any action; funds will automatically be loaded onto your cards. Families who do not qualify for SNAP will need to apply through the Health and Human Services website (<https://hhs.texas.gov/>). Be on the lookout for more information.

### Senior Signing Day

In less than two weeks Senior Signing Day will return to the big stage! Join us on Sunday, May 23, via livestream at [yesprep.org/ssd](https://yesprep.org/ssd), to celebrate the accomplishments and bright futures of the Class of 2021. The livestream will begin at 6 p.m. Make sure to use the hashtag #SSD2021 to engage and participate via social media. We also invite you to visit our social media accounts to see a senior from each campus help us countdown to the big day. Show our seniors your support by liking or commenting on the post. (Click on the following hyperlinks to access YES Prep’s [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.)

### Next Facebook Live Wednesday evening May 19 for 12th-grade families

Join our next Facebook Live event, *On the Path to College*, from 6 – 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening to hear from two of our district leaders Nella Garcia Urban, Chief Program Officer, and Roberto Trevino, Managing Director of College Initiatives. They will be discussing how you can support your senior in their transition after high school graduation, plus where to find summer opportunities. #thebestisYEScome

English 6 – 6:30 p.m.  
Spanish 6:30 – 7 p.m.



## Summer Meals Delivery Service, June 14 - August 13, 2021

If you are interested in receiving FREE breakfast & lunch meals for your children this summer, PLEASE sign up below. Meals are available to all children 18 years of age and younger and delivered directly to your home. Our current delivery structure will end June 11, 2021. PLEASE sign up today if you're interested in the continuation of home delivery services. Each meal box (per child) will have 7 breakfast meals and 7 lunch meals in it, plus 1 gallon of milk. Sign up using the link below! Reach out to [ChildNutrition@yesprep.org](mailto:ChildNutrition@yesprep.org) with questions.

[Here is the link to the Summer Feeding 2021 Survey](#)

### Did You Know?

[At the average A or B-graded Texas campus, white students are 10% more likely than Hispanic students to meet grade-level standards and 34% more likely than Black students.](#) The evidence is clear: Black and Hispanic students across the state — even those who attend A and B rated schools — need more opportunities within the public school system. Public charter schools provide another option for underserved students.

As always, we would like to thank you for trusting us with the responsibility of educating your children. Thank you for your support and partnership as we continue our commitment to prioritize safety while also working tirelessly to provide the highest quality instruction, online and in-person. Our next Family Update will be on **Friday, May 21.**

Thank you